

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: H. AKIYAMA et al
Serial No. 09/623,040
Filed: August 25, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2881
Examiner: B. Souw
For: CHARGED PARTICLE BEAM IRRADIATION
EQUIPMENT AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified
application as follows: